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SUBJECT: U.S. NUCLEAR POLICY

1. YESTERDAY MFA DIRECTOR GENERAL VANDEN BLOOCK ASKED
DCM RENNER THREE QUESTIONS REGARDING U.S. NUCLEAR POLICY:

(A) VANDEN BLOOCK WANTED TO KNOW THE BASIC REASONS BEHIND
THE U.S. PROPOSAL TO EMBARK ON THE INTERNATIONAL
NUCLEAR FUEL CYCLING EVALUATION PROGRAM. RENNER
REPLIED THAT THE UNITED STATES IS AWARE OF THE NEED
TO CONTINUE TO USE NUCLEAR FACILITIES TO PROVIDE
ENERGY. HOWEVER, WE ARE CONCERNED THAT THE NEXT
STAGE OF NUCLEAR POWER DEVELOPMENT COULD LEAD TO THE
INCREASED PRODUCTION OF PLUTONIUM AND INCREASE THE
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RISK OF NUCLEAR WEAPONS PROLIFERATION. OUR BASIC
OBJECTIVE IN PROPOSING THE INTERNATIONAL NUCLEAR FUEL
CYCLING EVALUATION PROGRAM WAS TO FIND THE BEST WAY
TO MEET BOTH OUR ENERGY AND SECURITY NEEDS.

(B) VANDEN BLOOCK WANTED TO KNOW WHY THE U.S. WAS
INSISTING ON SUPERIMPOSING IAEA SAFEGUARDS OVER THE

SAFEGUARDS OF EURATOM. RENNER REPLIED THAT THE UNITED STATES CONTINUED TO SUPPORT EURATOM AND CONTINUED TO HAVE CONFIDENCE IN THE EURATOM SAFEGUARDS. HOWEVER, WE CONSIDER IT ESSENTIAL THAT THE IAEA CONTINUE TO EXERCISE ITS RESPONSIBILITIES EFFECTIVELY AND TO HAVE THE RIGHT OF INDEPENDENT INSPECTION AND VERIFICATION WITH RESPECT TO EURATOM.

(C) VANDEN BLOOCK ASKED FOR CLARIFICATION OF ONE POINT IN THE PAPER WE GAVE RECENTLY TO THE FOREIGN MINISTRY (STATE 133489). IN THIS PAPER WE SAID THAT WE BELIEVE THERE ARE SUBSTANTIAL GROUNDS FOR QUESTIONING THE LONG-HELD ASSUMPTION THAT RECYCLING PLUTONIUM IN LIGHT WATER REACTORS IS ECONOMICALLY ADVANTAGEOUS. WE ALSO SAID THAT IN OUR VIEW THERE ARE OTHER POTENTIAL WAYS OF STRETCHING URANIUM SOURCES. VANDEN BLOOCK ASKED FOR DETAILED ELABORATION OF THE FACTS SUPPORTING THIS POINT.

2. WE WOULD APPRECIATE ANY ADDITIONAL ARGUMENTATION THE DEPARTMENT CAN PROVIDE US REGARDING POINTS A AND B ABOVE. WE ALSO WOULD APPRECIATE RECEIVING COPIES OF THE FORD FOUNDATION STUDY, THE NRC STUDY ON ECONOMIC BENEFITS OF PLUTONIUM RECYCLING, AND OTHER REPORTS WHICH SUPPORT U.S. VIEWS RESPONSIVE TO VANDEN BLOOCK QUESTION RE POINT C THAT WE CAN PASS
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